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SUBJECT: SECURITY CONCIL MEETING ON MIDDLE EAST

REF: ROME 4271: LONDON 6072 (NOTAL)

1. FON OFF SOURCE HAS INFORMED US OF VERSION OF FRENCH
DISCUSSIONS WITH HAFEZ ISMAIL PROVIDED BY MEMBER OF FRENCH UN
MISSION (PROTECTSOURCES). HAFEZ REPORTEDLY SAID THAT EGYPTIAN
POSITION ON SOLUTION IN MIDDLE EAST BASED ON JARRING MEMORANDUM,
SADAT' S REPLY TO MEMORANDUM, AND HIS PROPOSAL RE INTERIM
SETTLEMENT IN FEBRUARY 1972. HE MADE CLEAR THAT EGYPT WILL
NOT BE CONTENT FOR JUNE 4 UNSC MEETING TO RESULT MERELY IN
PROCEDURAL RESOLUTION OR CREATION OF NEW COMMITTEE ON MIDDLE
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2. HAFEZ SAID THAT EGYPT IS NOT SEEKING US VETO BUT THAT IF VETO OCCURRED, IT WOULD REVEAL US POSITION IN FULL LIGHT OF DAY AND WOULD " CLARIFY AND JUSTIFY THE EVENTS WHICH WOULD FOLLOW." FRENCH TOOK LATTER COMMENT TO BE THREAT TO CUT OFF OIL SUPPLY. FRENCH SOURCE EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT OVER EGYPTIAN POSITION BECAUSE IT SHOWED NO FLEXIBILITY AND BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE THREAT OF OIL CUT OFF, ALTHOUGH THREAT NOT DIRECTED AT FRANCE.

3. BELGIAN FONOFF SOURCE NOTED TO EMBOFF THAT DESPITE HAFEZ POSITION, EGYPTIAN DIPLOMAT HAD COMMENTED MAY 23 RE JUNE

4. MEETING, " WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR IS AN AMERICAN VETO."

4. ON SEPARATE SUBJECT, SOURCE SAID THAT, ACCORDING TO BELGIAN UN MISSION REPORT, SEC GEN WALDHEIM HAD SUGGESTED IN CONVERSATION WITH ABBA EBAN THAT ISRAELIS MAKE GESTURE IN FAVOR OF SADAT IN VIEW OF FRAGILITY OF SADAT' S POSITION. EBAN REPLIED THAT SADAT' S POSITION WAS HIS OWN PROBLEM AND WOULD NOT AFFECT

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